(c) whether Government is aware that cattle are illegally exported to Kurigram of Bangladesh through Satkarai Bari-Sanguchar-Deepchar-Kananimara-Balliaralga to feed their leather factories as raw material *via* south border road of Dhubri district in Assam; and

(d) whether Government has issued any valid trading permission towards such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) No Indian land in Assam has been encroached by Bangladesh.

(b) As and when any transborder crimes occur, FIR is lodged with the local police and protest notes are also lodged with their counterparts by BSF.

(c) and (d) The Government is aware of the menace of illegal cattle smuggling to Bangladesh. The Government has not issued any trading permission for cattle export to Bangladesh. However, Government has taken various steps to check cattle smuggling which include round the clock surveillance of the border, conduct of special raids, establishment of new BOPs, closing of cattle corridors, erection of border fencing, etc.

Weak deportation laws *vis-a-vis* illegal Bangladeshi migrants

†900. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that orders have been issued not to register cases under Foreign Nationals Act and Passport Act against nationals of Bangladesh residing illegally in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are often sent back to India due to the weak deportation laws for sending them to Bangladesh; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that law and order situation is deteriorating due to continuous inflow of Bangladeshi nationals and thereby disturbing social and political equilibrium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The State Governments/UT Administrations have been empowered under section 3 (2) (c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals illegally staying in India. Administrative instructions are issued from time to time requesting the State Governments/UT Administrations to detect and deport illegal Bangaldeshi migrants staying in the country. Moreover, the law enforcement agencies are vigilant and competent to deal with the cases of any foreigners, including Bangladeshi nationals, involved in criminal activities as per the provisions of law.

Refusal of entry to valid visa holders by immigration authorities

901. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many visitors with valid visas were refused entry in India by the immigration authorities since April, 2007;

(b) whether it is a fact that a visitor having a long duration visa coming from Los Angeles was not allowed entry at Delhi airport on the morning of 19th September, 2007;

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